

TO REDEEM ARID LAND.

E. R. Moses of Great Bend Offers Prizes

For the Best Written Essays on Irrigation Methods.

FOR BEST PAPER \$100.

For the Second \$75 and for the Third, \$50 is Offered.

List of Topics is Suggested, Others may be Used.

Great Bend, April 8.—E. R. Moses, chairman of the executive committee of the national irrigation congress, has completed arrangements by which he offers the following sums for papers or essays relating to irrigation: For the best paper, \$100; for the second, \$75; for the third, \$50. The competition is open to persons from all parts of the United States, east or west.

The subjects of the essays shall pertain to any matter connected with irrigation, practice or engineering. The following topics are suggested, but others may be selected.

Methods of applying water.

Irrigation of gardens, orchards and field crops.

Irrigation by means of wind mills.

Cost of pumping water for irrigation.

Canal and ditch construction, cost and value.

Water storage, construction of reservoirs and means of conserving water.

Underground waters, their development and use.

Measurement and division of water by wells or modules.

Quantity of water required for irrigation.

Seepage waters from irrigation.

Quality of water, salt, alkali, etc.

Water power and irrigation.

Soil irrigation, as far as possible upon the experience and observation of the writer and should contain new facts of general interest.

Historical or legal in character nor containing references to the development of irrigation in foreign countries, except as illustrative of local conditions, but should be devoted to topics of live importance to the people of this country.

Special attention to costs and values.

The substance of the papers should consist of discussion of fact and not of opinions. Political and sociological questions should not enter.

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The water of this spring has long been known for its curative properties, and Mr. Smith will make it a health resort for invalids and excursion parties. During the summer the railroad company will put in a switch and platform, and in June will run cheap excursions from the Missouri river towns and this section of Kansas.

Mr. Smith has also set out 500 shade trees around the house, graded the roads, made a race course and will plant 100 acres to corn this year.

JOE ADY'S WORK.

Tells Who Should Have the Credit of the Transmissouri Case.

Wichita, April 8.—There has been a good deal said about who ought to have the credit of working up the Transmissouri case that was recently passed upon in the United States supreme court. Mr. Ady a few days ago gave out an interview in which he said that he was sent to a friend in this city. He said:

"It is amusing to note the effort in certain quarters to claim credit for having inspired my action or assisted me in this now famous case. The only inspiration I ever had with regard to the matter was the knowledge gained by long residence in Kansas that the railroad companies had persistently discriminated against the shipping interests of that state."

"I have considered a grave responsibility, and in some quarters, an odium rather than a credit, to be connected with this case. I found nobody anxious to divide with me at that time. The fact is that the only person who ever gave me any assistance in this case was a friend of mine, who was J. E. Howard of Wichita, Kan. He collected all the facts on which the action was based and afterwards acted as my attorney in this case."

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"S. R. Peters, my law partner at that time, assisted me in arguing the case at Cheyenne."

"The attorney general did not order me to bring this suit, as has been generally stated, nor did he ever give me his opinion that the association was illegal. In answer to an inquiry from me for leave to bring the suit, he simply said for me to bring it. 'If in my judgment I thought such action advisable, I would advise you to bring it,' he said."

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After getting him to the house Dr. Hazlett was sent for, but his arrival was in time to see the little fellow expire.

WICHITA'S FAIR FESTIVAL.

The Board of Trade Takes Steps to Organize a Fair and Fiesta.

A Wichita, April 8.—Wichita will have a fair or fall festival next October. This was decided at a meeting of the board of trade yesterday and substantial men are back of the plan.

A new fair association will be in charge and the following directors were elected yesterday: C. G. Cohn, C. R. Fulton, B. H. Horndon, Sam Hess, Chas. E. Smith, Thos. Shaw, W. W. Johnston, B. L. Eaton, J. J. McNamara, John Mahan, M. Kralshelmer, S. Ashton, W. E. Jett, and H. C. Tule.

There is a demand for such an institution and a necessity. Tributary to Wichita there is a big territory rich in varied interests that would profit by a yearly competition and comparison of ideas, and all this would bring its harvest to Wichita business men. Retailers in Kansas and Oklahoma could meet the wholesalers and have the benefit of a competitive exhibition of their goods and the latter would spend thousands of dollars with the retailers.

A great many people throughout southern Kansas and Oklahoma who do not go to Topeka on account of the distance would come here; probably not in the fall, but in the course of time when the annual fair became a part of Wichita.

NEWTON CITIZENS SWINDLED.

Send Money to New York to Play the Stock Market.

Newton, April 8.—The failure of the Hamilton Stock Brokerage company in New York caught a number of Newtonians who had invested money in the scheme.

The company claimed to be able to pay dividends of 10 per cent. per month, and some of the investors had received money of course, at a profit of about 10 per cent. per month. These that invested early got more than half of their money back in dividends, but the later investors lost nearly all of it. A number had sent in only \$10 but one had sent in \$200 and another \$500 here and sent it to the New York firm.

AIRSHIP AT GOODLAND.

Seen by a Man of Unimpeachable Character But Perhaps Bad Eye Sight.

Goodland, April 8.—The air ship was distinctly seen passing over the city of Goodland last night, going in a westerly direction. The ship was seen by a man of unimpeachable character, but perhaps bad eye sight.

The night was cloudy and a light mist of rain was falling so that there could have been no mistake as to its being a balloon. It was seen by a man of unimpeachable character, but perhaps bad eye sight.

Upon Mrs. Lynch's retirement, B. F. Harper was placed in editorial charge of the paper. The paper has been connected with the paper for the past five years as city editor.

MRS. LYNCH RETIRES.

No Longer Connected With the Leavenworth Standard.

Leavenworth, April 8.—Mrs. Sarah B. Lynch is no longer connected with the Standard in any capacity and now devotes her entire time to her duties as a teacher in the public schools.

Lynch's half interest in the Standard was purchased by Dr. S. F. Neely, United States marshal, for the purpose of continuing the publication.

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LIBRARY AT SMITH CENTER.

The Women Will Apply for a Charter and Rush the Work.

Smith Center, April 8.—At a largely attended meeting of the ladies of the town, in the evening, steps were taken to organize the Ladies' Harmony Library club, and a charter will be applied for.

The officers elected for the next year are: President, Mrs. W. H. Nelson; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Detwiler; treasurer, Mrs. L. G. Sage; secretary, Miss Beattie Hadden.

KANSAS EDITORS TO MEET.

The North Central Association Will Gather at Concordia.

Concordia, April 8.—This city has been chosen for the annual meeting of the North Central Kansas Editorial association and the dates fixed for Friday and Saturday next.

The selection of Concordia for the place of meeting guarantees a large attendance of editors and a big programme is assured.

The excursion to the Dells, a Wisconsin summer resort, will follow early in July. Over 100 editors and their wives have signified their intention of going along.

MADDER FOR CONGRESS.

Attends Court in Burlington Says He Would Like the Nomination.

Burlington, April 8.—John Madden of Emporia was in the city yesterday to attend court.

When asked whether he would be a candidate for congress from this district next year, Mr. Madden said:

"I will be a candidate for the Populist and Democratic nominations, and if the convention sees fit to honor me, I will make the race."

He did not claim that the nomination is due me for running against Curtis last fall when I was almost hopeless, but am simply exercising my rights as an American citizen."

FROM KANSAS TOWNS.

General and Personal News From All Over the State.

IOLA.—The entire Republican ticket was defeated here except one councillor elected by the voters. The Republicans always gone Republican before by good majorities.

JAMESTOWN.—A woman council and mayor was elected here today. Mrs. John Strain was elected mayor. The only man elected was Frank Lane, police judge. He had no opposition.

FT. SCOTT.—The county paid out to its poor last month \$32.67. This is under a new system devised by the commissioners. March of 1896 showed a disbursement of nearly \$1,000 for paupers.

FT. SCOTT.—At the regular meeting of the board of education last night, at which all members were present, Prof. D. M. Bowen was re-elected superintendent of the city schools for another year to June 1st next.

HUMBOLDT.—This city is to have Gas. W. J. Young, vice president of the East Oil company, states that everything being favorable, they will have their pipes laid and the gas turned into the mains inside of 36 days, the time given in the ordinance for the work to be commenced.

PARSONS.—Rev. W. E. Harlow, who has been pastor of the Christian church of this city for over three years, has tendered his resignation to take effect June 1st. He will return to his home in Texas, where he will conduct a series of meetings in Texas, Iowa and Chicago.

FT. SCOTT.—J. W. Simmons, an old gentleman who lived at 629 North Main street, died at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Simmons was 60 years old and had lived here for four years.

ATCHISON.—The board of education has decided to go back to the old method of holding commencement exercises. The idea of employing a lecturer will be abandoned and the graduates will again recite essays. It was decided to hold the exercises at the high school building and the graduates will be given diplomas.

WELLINGTON.—The city council last night passed an ordinance abolishing the office of night marshal. The fee and salary of the night marshal, who was \$100 per month, will be taken from the city treasury. The ordinance will take effect Wednesday.

PITTSBURG.—On Tuesday, April 12, the Presbytery of Pittsburgh will meet at Beulah. At the same time the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary association will be held. Quite a number of delegates are expected. Rev. Swager of Chetopa will hold services at the home of the Presbyterian church, which will be continued Wednesday.

LEAVENWORTH.—Two new brick buildings will be erected at once on the lots at the northwest corner of Fourth and Chocaw streets. The plans for these buildings are completed and the work of building will be commenced within a few days. These valuable lots are owned by Mrs. Chapman. She has arranged to have a building 35x50 feet erected on the corner for an eastern firm that proposes to locate a branch of their business here.

INDEPENDENCE.—A half dozen boys of ages ranging from 14 to 16 years, who were found in a saloon, were intoxicated and making night hideous with profanity and other hard language Sunday night. About 10 o'clock the police were called and the boys were taken to the police station. Later, Nightwatchman Wine arrested four of them at the San Antonio street saloon and the other two this morning they were released.

PARSONS.—J. Milton Turner, the well known colored lawyer, of St. Louis, ardent of the Freedmen. He has from the Indian Territory, where he has been practicing law for many years. He has succeeded in collecting about \$12,000 of the fees due him for handling the case of the Freedmen. He has had this case for the past 15 years and says that he has collected as high as \$104,000 in fees from this case at one time.

PARSONS.—Charles H. Ruhoff was arrested here Tuesday night with a check for \$250.25, payable to the Bank of Fall River. A dispatch from the latter place stated that the check was stolen. When confronted with the telegram from Fall River, the fellow handed out three more checks, the aggregate amount of which was \$250.25. The checks were given to him in a joint at Coffeyville yesterday morning. He afterwards told the officers that he had traded some stock and received the checks in payment for the stock.

TRIAL OF A PICKPOCKET.

Case of J. M. Kins